



## Lesser-Known Glasgow Resources

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### Why Glasgow?

It is difficult to do Scottish research without finding connections to the city of Glasgow. It is the largest city and seaport in Scotland and one of the largest cities in the United Kingdom. People came from all other parts of Great Britain and Ireland to reside in Glasgow. According to the 1801-1871 Scotland census returns, Glasgow went from being 5.0% of the population to 14.2%

Analysis of the 1851 Census of Lanarkshire specifically indicates a few interesting things. First, only 56% of the population was actually born in Lanarkshire. 25% of the population was born in other parts of Scotland and 17% of the population was born in Ireland. Also, those aged 20 and upwards outnumbered those under age 20 by over 40,000 people, meaning that there were likely many “singles” who may be relatives of direct-line ancestors.

### Unique Glasgow Resources from the “Big 4”

#### Ancestry.com

- Card Catalog for Glasgow:  
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/catalog/?keyword=Glasgow&sort=re-cord-count>

#### FamilySearch.org

- Catalog for Glasgow:  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&placeId=3503&query=%2Bplace%3A%22Scotland%2C%20Lanark%2C%20Glasgow%22>
  - Glasgow city poor law records, applications for relief, 1846-1898
- Wiki page for Glasgow:  
[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Glasgow,\\_Lanarkshire,\\_Scotland\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Glasgow,_Lanarkshire,_Scotland_Genealogy)

#### Findmypast.com

- Scotland, Glasgow Smallpox Vaccination Registers 1801-1854

## ScotlandsPeople.gov

- Place Search: <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/place-search>
- Presbyterian Free Church registers
- Kirk session records being added
- Roman Catholic parish registers

## More Glasgow Resources

- Mitchell Library Website: <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/libraries/venues/the-mitchell-library>
- Family History at the Mitchell:  
<https://www.glasgowfamilyhistory.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>
  - Episcopalian Church records
- Historic Environment Scotland Archives and Collections:  
<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/archives-and-research/archives-and-collections/>
- National Archives UK Discovery Catalog:  
<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>
- National Records of Scotland Catalogues and Indexes:  
<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/catalogues-and-indexes>
- ScottishArchives.gov.uk Scottish Archives Map:  
<https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/explore/scottish-archives-map/>

## Additional Resources

Online Historical Population Reports: <http://www.histpop.org/ohpr/servlet/> or <http://www2.histpop.org/ohpr/servlet/Show?page=Home>

Understanding Glasgow: <https://www.understandingglasgow.com/> - The Glasgow Indicators Project.